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Office Action Summary

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Edan Orgad

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 3/17/2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 1/19/06 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the Petratos have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Furthermore, applicant's arguments filed 12/19/05 with respect to Jochheim have been fully considered but are not persuasive. Specifically, Jochheim discloses the a resin housing (col. 1, lines 38-45), the process of making the cover/housing mold is done by injecting a mold, which implies that a plastic or some sort of a resin is used. Also, Jochheim teaches a printed board 7, enclosed within two shells 5 & 6. Therefore the printed board is within both shells. Applicant claim language is broadly interpreted to mean the printed board is within both shells.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jochheim (US 6,137,050) in view of Malonado (US 5,852,421).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Jochheim teaches a radio terminal device (fig. 1) having:

a printed board having a front surface and a rear surface (fig. 1, element 7);

a resin housing covering the rear surface of the printed board (element 5: Jochheim describes the process of making the covering is done with an injected mold, inherently a plastic or some sort of a resin);

a metal housing covering the front surface of the printed board (element 6 & col. 2, lines 13-16 and lines 60-67, specifically, a metal wire weave is injected into element 6);

wherein a part of the printed board is accommodated in the resin housing (fig. 1, printed board 7, within element 5);

and wherein a remaining part of the printed board is accommodated in the metal housing (col. 2, lines 60-67).

Jochheim fails to specifically disclose an antenna disposed on a side of the rear surface of the printed board and wherein the antenna is accommodated in the resin housing. However, in the same field of endeavor, Maldonado teaches an antenna disposed on a side of the rear surface of the printed board (col. 7, lines 25-28).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include Moldonado's antenna means with Jochheim's existing radio receiver in order to increase RF reception.

Regarding claims 2 and 6, Jochheim teaches the resin housing and the metal housing are joined with each other by a curved line from a view point of the side of the radio terminal device (figures 1 and 2, element Y).

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Jochheim as modified by Maldonado further teaches the printed board and the metal housing are connect with each other electrically (Maldonado, fig. 1b, & col. 4, lines 48-50).

Regarding claims 4 and 8, Jochheim fails to specifically disclose the antenna is disposed near an end portion in the remaining part of the printed board. However, Maldonado does disclose the antenna is disposed near an end portion in the remaining part of the printed board (fig. 1b; col. 7, lines 25-28). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include Maldonado antenna means with Jochheim's existing radio receiver in order to increase RF reception.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edan Orgad whose telephone number is 571-272-7884. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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